

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claim 9 has been canceled herein. Claims 1-5 and 10-19 were previously canceled. Thus, claims 6-8 are pending.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 9 has been canceled herein. Thus, this objection has been rendered moot.

The Examiner has indicated that pending claims 6-8 are allowed. Thus, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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